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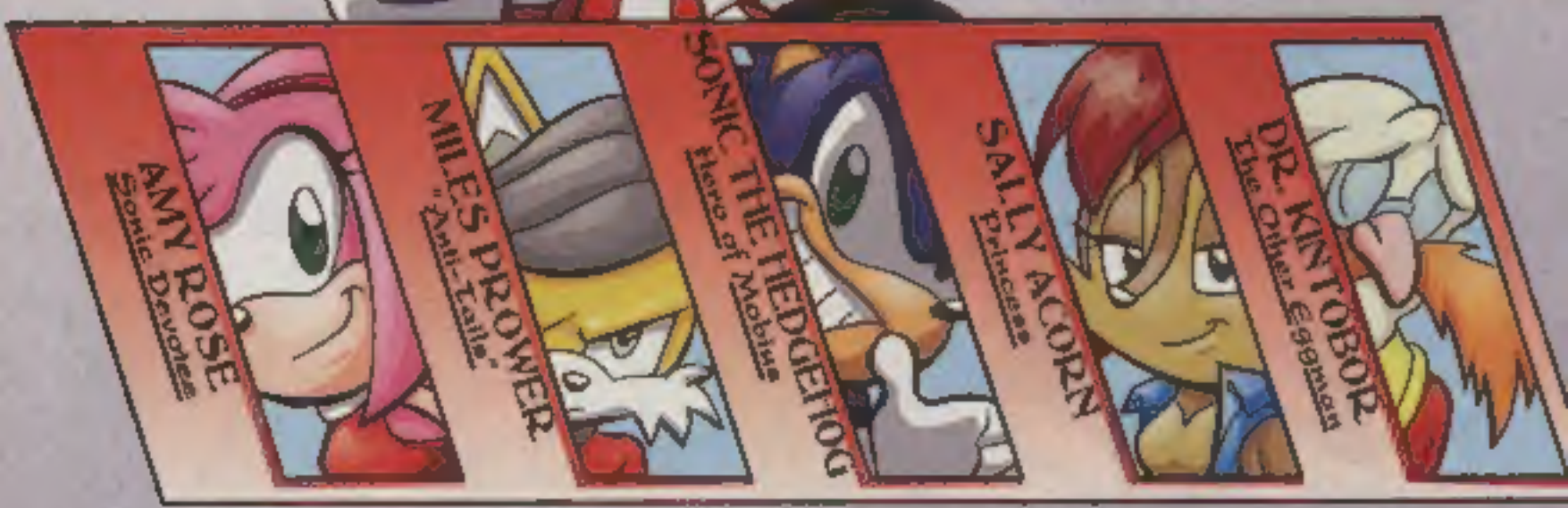
MOBIUS -- NEW MOBOTROPOLIS

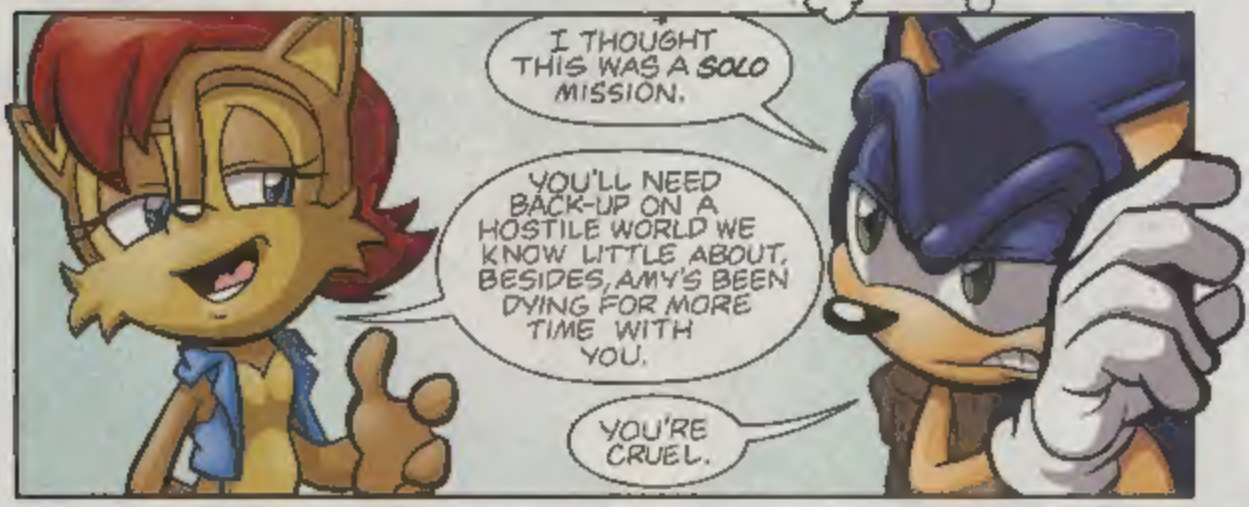
ARE YOU--um--READY, AMY?

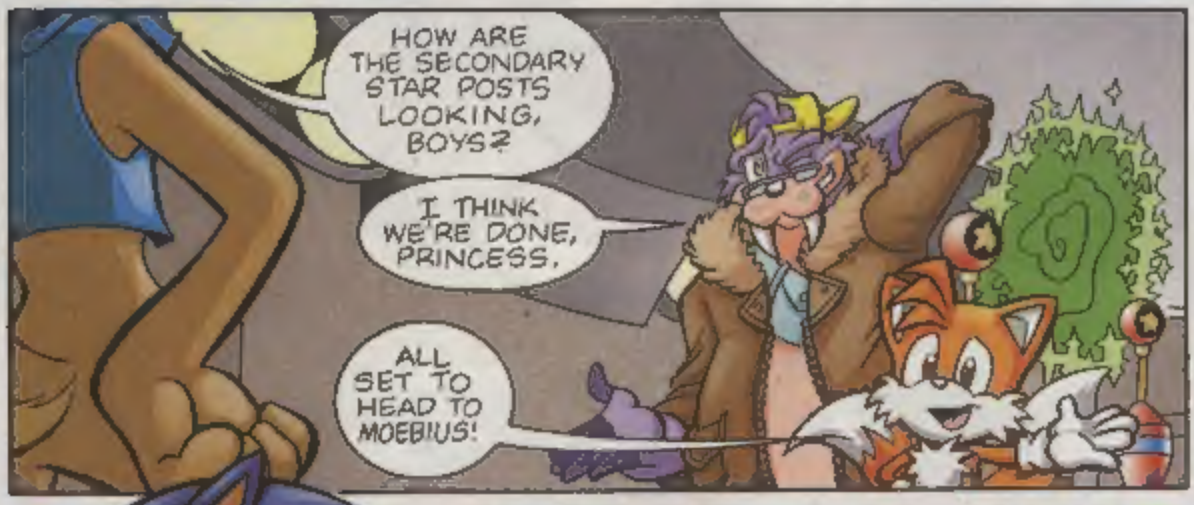
I'LL BE WITH YOU, SONIC!

I'LL BE READY FOR ANYTHING!



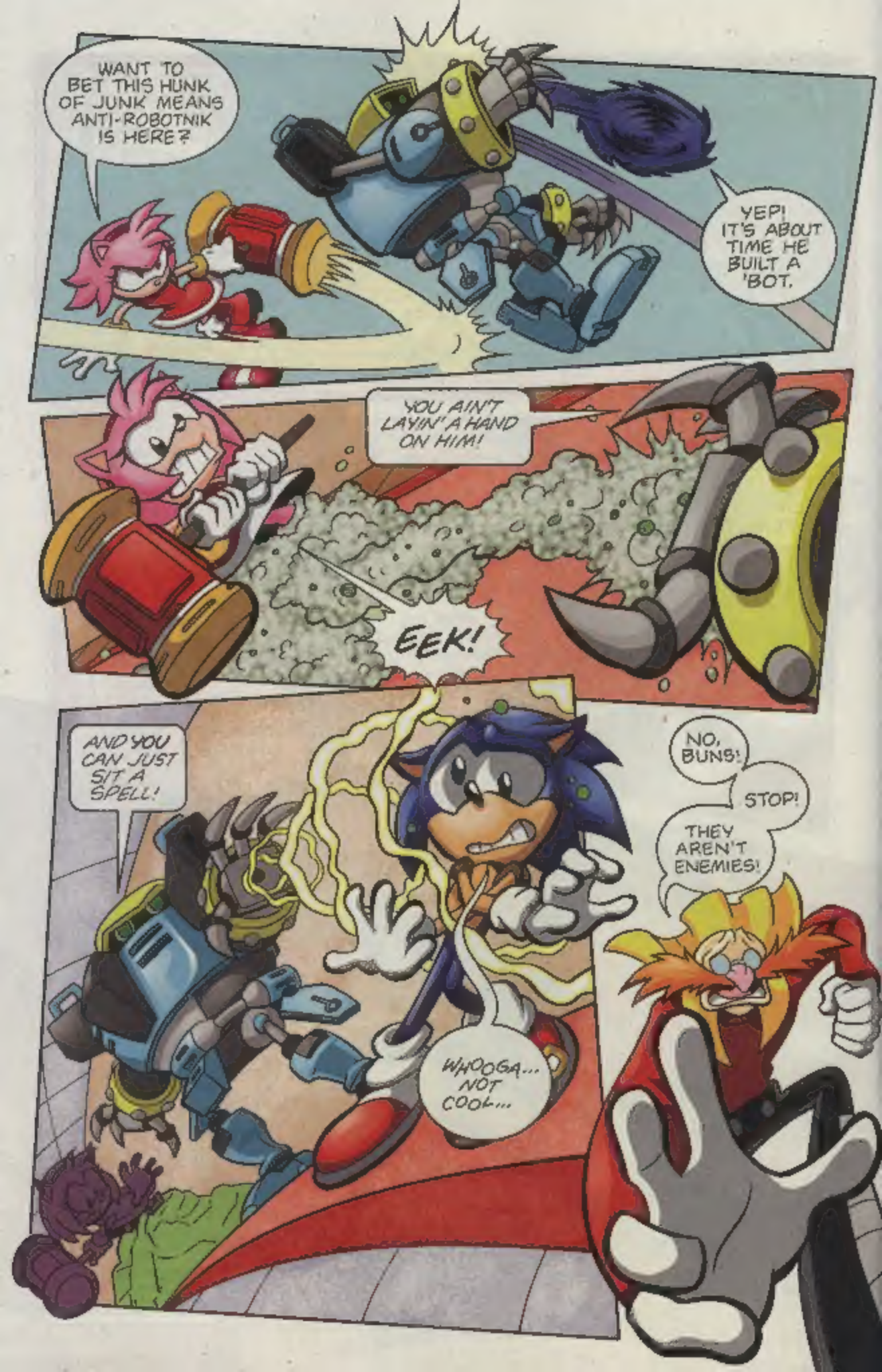
ALL RIGHT, YOU TWO, DO YOU REMEMBER THE PLAN?
HEAD OVER TO SCOURGE'S HOME ZONE AND FIND A WAY TO REVERSE HIS INVASION.
PIKO!
AND CAUSE HIM PROBLEMS AT HOME IF WE CAN.


I THOUGHT THIS WAS A SOLO MISSION.
YOU'LL NEED BACK-UP ON A HOSTILE WORLD WE KNOW LITTLE ABOUT. BESIDES, AMY'S BEEN DYING FOR MORE TIME WITH YOU.
YOU'RE CRUEL.


HOW ARE THE SECONDARY STAR POSTS LOOKING, BOYS?
I THINK WE'RE DONE, PRINCESS.
ALL SET TO HEAD TO MOEBIUS!

JUST A HEADS-UP--
WE DON'T KNOW WHERE ON MOEBIUS THE PORTAL WILL DROP YOU, SO BE CAREFUL.
LOVELY. THANKS FOR THAT, ROTOR. ON THAT NOTE, HERE WE...

MOEBIUS...
...GO?
YOU KNOW, THE WAY ROTOR PUT IT, I WAS EXPECTING SOMETHING MORE... PERILOUS.
FOR AN EVIL ALTERNATE DIMENSION, IT'S REALLY NICE LOOKING.
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
NOW THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!
AIN'T NOBODY GETTIN' A DROP ON THE DOCTOR!


WANT TO BET THIS HUNK OF JUNK MEANS ANTI-ROBOTNIK IS HERE?
YEP! IT'S ABOUT TIME HE BUILT A 'BOT.
YOU AIN'T LAYIN' A HAND ON HIM!
EEK!
AND YOU CAN JUST SIT A SPELL!
NO, BUNS!
STOP!
THEY AREN'T ENEMIES!
WHOOGA... NOT COOL...

YOU SURE, DOC?
POSITIVE. THIS IS SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, FROM THE PRIME ZONE.
OH. SORRY 'BOUT THAT.
CAIN'T SEE COLORS TOO WELL IN THIS THING.
THAT RIOT FOAM FIRMS UP PRETTY NICE, DIDN'T IT?
THANKS FOR THE SAVE, DOC.
YOUR VERSIONS OF US ARE MAKING TROUBLE BACK HOME. WE CAME TO SEE IF WE COULD FIND SOMETHING HERE THAT COULD STOP THEIR INVASION.
I THOUGHT SCOURGE AND HIS SUPPRESSION SQUAD HAD GONE UNUSUALLY QUIET. YOU HAVE MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES.
PLEASE, SHALL WE CONTINUE THIS OUTSIDE? IT'S SUCH A LOVELY DAY.

MOBIUS-- NEW MOBOTROPOLIS
I HATE THIS PART. THE WAITING IS KILLING ME.
ANYTHING?
NOT YET. THE STAR POSTS WERE ORIGINALLY SUPPOSED TO GO TO THE SPECIAL ZONE, NOT ANY OF THE MORE DISTANT ONES. WE'RE LUCKY THE PORTAL STAYED OPENED AS LONG AS IT DID.
NICOLE?
HAVE SONIC AND AMY ALREADY LEFT?
YES. WHY?
MILES OF THE SUPPRESSION SQUAD IS OUTSIDE THE CITY.
TELL BUNNIE AND ANTOINE TO MEET US THERE! TAILS--
RIGHT BEHIND YOU!
ROTOR, I'M SURE SHE...
IT'S OKAY, NICOLE.
I'M NOT PART OF THE FIELD TEAM ANYMORE. PLUS, SONIC AND AMY ARE GOING TO NEED A WAY HOME.

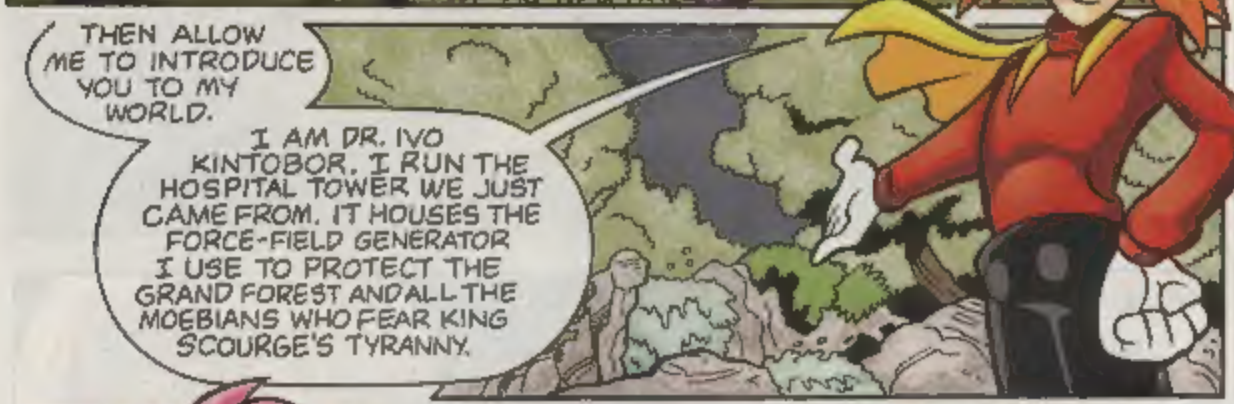
"I'M NEEDED HERE."
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
DIBS! DIBS!

A MARVELOUS SHOW OF BRAVADO, FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
NOW HOW ABOUT YOU CALM DOWN BEFORE YOU HURT YOURSELVES.
CLAP CLAP

I'M HERE UNDER THE PRETENSE OF BOMBING YOUR CITY. GIVEN THAT I MADE NO EFFORT TO HIDE AND THAT I'M EXPLAINING MYSELF--*SLOWLY*--I'M OBVIOUSLY NOT INTENDING TO COMPLETE THAT MISSION.

THEN WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?
THE SUPPRESSION SQUAD IS LESS FOND OF SCOURGE THAN YOU ARE. YOU HOLD A TRUMP CARD IN SONIC. I CAME HERE TO PROPOSE AN *ALLIANCE.*

MOEBIUS-- THE GRAND FOREST
THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME IN OUR ZONE, ISN'T IT, MS. ROSE?
YES SIR, IT IS.


THEN ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MY WORLD.
I AM DR. IVO KINTOBOR. I RUN THE HOSPITAL TOWER WE JUST CAME FROM. IT HOUSES THE FORCE-FIELD GENERATOR I USE TO PROTECT THE GRAND FOREST AND ALL THE MOEBIANS WHO FEAR KING SCOURGE'S TYRANNY.

WOW, I CAN'T EVEN SEE THE FIELD.
GOOD! YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO.
WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT SCOURGE AND HIS LATEST BATCH OF CRAZINESS?

THAT'S MY FAULT, I'M AFRAID.
THEY STORMED MY TOWER AND MANAGED TO STEAL MY EXPERIMENTAL GLOBE POSTS. THEY MUST HAVE USED THEM TO CROSS INTO YOUR ZONE.
THEY'RE JERKS. WE UNDERSTAND. WHAT DID YOU NEED THOSE POSTS FOR?
I HAD HOPED TO SEARCH OTHER ZONES FOR NEW MEDICAL TECHNIQUES. I NEED SOMETHING TO HEAL BUNS RABBOT.
COME TO THINK OF IT, I DIDN'T SEE THE ANTI-BUNNIE WITH THE STUPID SQUAD. WHERE IS SHE?
RIGHT HERE.

NOT LONG AGO, I DEVELOPED N.I.D.S. STARTED IN THE BASE OF MAH SPINE. SCOURGE KICKED ME OUT AND LEFT ME FOR DEAD.

THE DOC HERE TOOK ME IN AND BUILT ME THIS SUIT.

IT WAS THE LEAST I COULD DO. MY OMEGA CARE UNIT CREATES A STASIS FIELD THAT PREVENTS HER CONDITION FROM PROGRESSING AND SUPPORTS HER IMMUNE SYSTEM.

BUT SHE IS STILL MOSTLY TRAPPED WITHIN THAT ROBOT BODY. I WILL NOT REST UNTIL SHE WALKS FREELY ONCE MORE.

AND 'TIL THEN, I'LL PROTECT THE DOC FROM THOSE BACK-STABBIN' SO-AND-SOS!

I AM STILL NOT PLEASED ARMING OMEGA, BUT AT LEAST SHE ONLY WIELDS NON-LETHAL WEAPONS.

LIKE THAT QUICK-HARDENING RIOT FOAM! *ICK!*

AND THE DIZZY-MAKING SOUNDWAVES. COOL. THAT EXPLAINS HOW THIS ALL STARTED...

.. BUT HOW DO WE STOP IT? IS THERE ANYTHING HERE THAT COULD THROW SCOURGE OFF HIS GAME?
MAYBE MORE OF THOSE ROBOTS?
THEY COULD TRY TO RECRUIT YOU-KNOW-WHO
NO, NO. I NAMED IT "OMEGA" BECAUSE IT WAS A LAST RESORT. I REFUSE TO BUILD AN ARMY
ABSOLUTELY NOT! SHE'S FAR TOO DANGEROUS! DON'T EVEN JOKE LIKE THAT!
SOUNDS LIKE JUST THE KIND OF PERIL I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR
PLEASE, DR. KINTOBOR THEY'VE TAKEN FREEDOM HQ AND MAY PRESS ON AT ANY MINUTE. WE NEED ANY LEAD YOU CAN GIVE US.
ROSY THE RASCAL. THE ANTI-AMY. SHE HATES SCOURGE.

MOBIUS-- NEW MOBOTROPOLIS
WE HATE SCOURGE THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ANTI-FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN FLUX. THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS. HE CAME BACK AND RUINED EVERYTHING.
"HE BEAT US INTO SUBMISSION. HE WAS BENT ON MAKING US SOMETHING 'MORE' THAN YOUR 'EVIL TWINS'."
"WE HAD TO TAKE ON NEW NAMES AND APPEARANCES."
"SOME OF US TOOK THAT TO THE EXTREME."
"WE WERE HIS BACK-UP AS HE CONQUERED THE WHOLE PLANET. HE RENAMED OUR WORLD 'MOEBIUS' AND MADE HIMSELF KING. THEN HE GOT BORED."
SO HE HAD US STEAL DR. KNTOBOR'S TECHNOLOGY AND INVADE THE PRIME ZONE. WE DON'T DARE STAND AGAINST HIM ALONE. HE'S SIMPLY TOO POWERFUL.

SO YOU WANT US TO HELP YOU OVERWHELM HIM?
PLEASE DON'T TALK, LITTLE BOY WE'RE TRYING TO HAVE AN INTELLIGENT CONVERSATION.
OUR TEAMS ARE EVENLY MATCHED. BUT IF SONIC CAN SLOW SCOURGE DOWN OUR COMBINED STRENGTH SHOULD BEAT HIM
PRECISELY WE'VE ALREADY RIGGED YOUR STAR POSTS TO SEND HIM BACK TO MOEBIUS.
WHAT?!
WHO DO YOU THINK--?!
NOT RIGHT NOW, SUGAH
YOU STILL HAVE ACCESS TO THE LAB IN FREEDOM HQ CAN YOU CONFIRM HIS STORY?
JUST A MOMENT...
YES, HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH
ALL RIGHT THEN. SONIC ISN'T HERE NOW, BUT WE CAN COUNT ON HIM TO SHOW WHEN WE NEED HIM.
EXCELLENT. THEN HERE'S THE PLAN...

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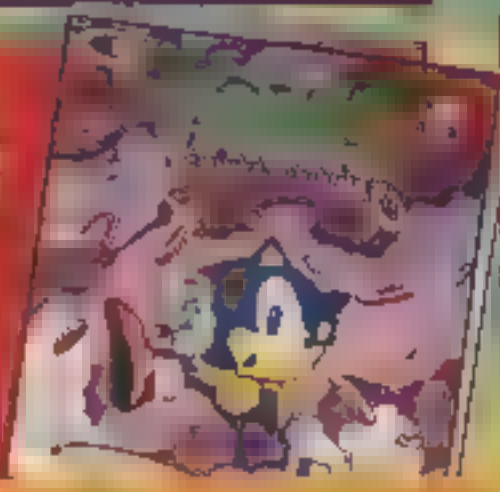

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THANK YOU, DOCTOR!

SO WHERE DO WE FIND ROSY?

MY BEST GUESS IS CASTLE ACORN. SHE STALKS SCOURGE RELENTLESSLY, AND THAT'S WHERE HE WAS LAST SEEN.

ARE ALL YOUR SYSTEMS RUNNING? ARE THERE ANY TUNE-UPS YOU NEED? PERHAPS IF I RAN ANOTHER DIAGNOSTIC...

DON'T YOU WORRY NONE, DOC. THE BOT'S FINE AND I'LL KEEP THE DO-GOODERS SAFE

HOW DO YOU INTEND TO GET BACK HOME?

IS YOUR PACK CHAFFING?

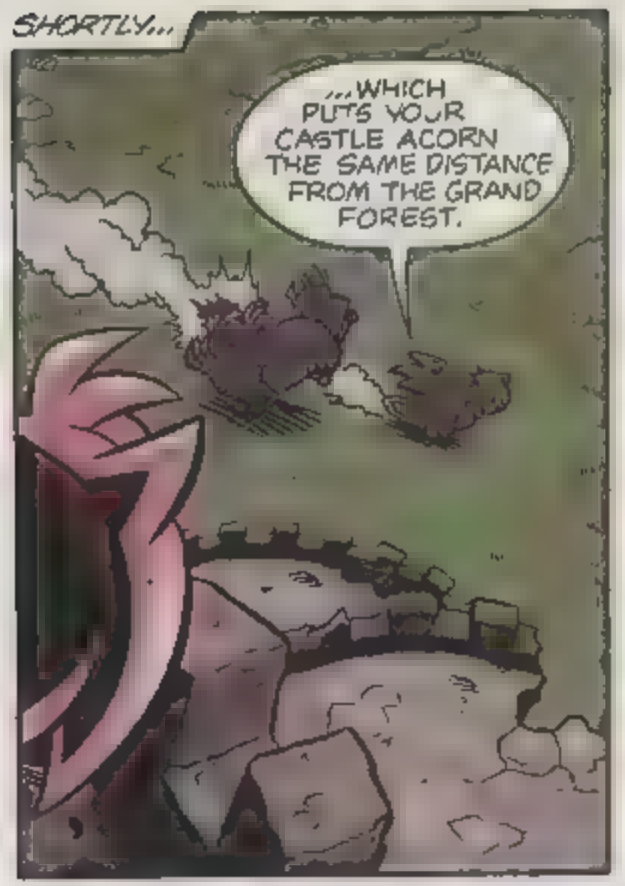
HOPEFULLY YOUR GLOBE POSTS ARE STILL UP AND RUNNING AT THE CASTLE

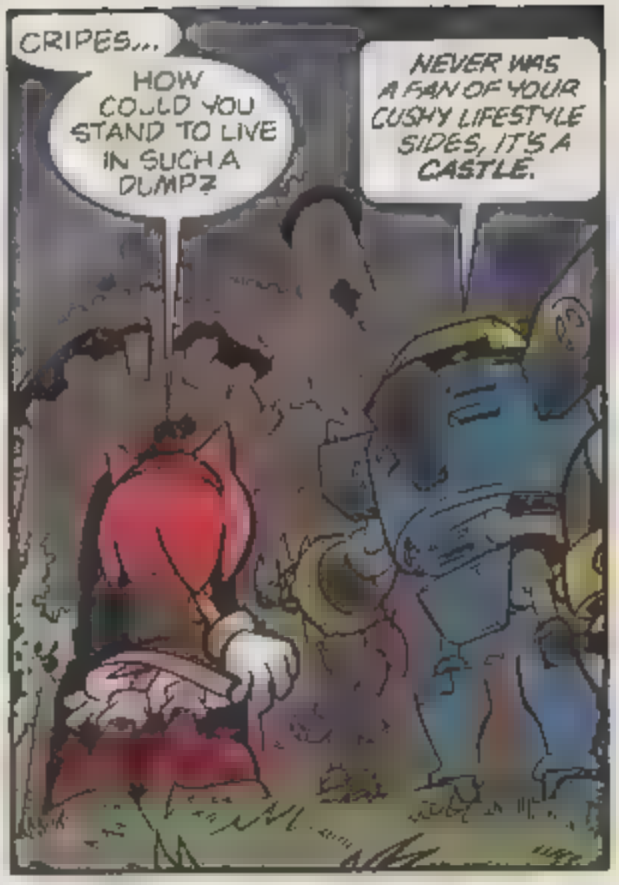
CAN WE GO NOW?

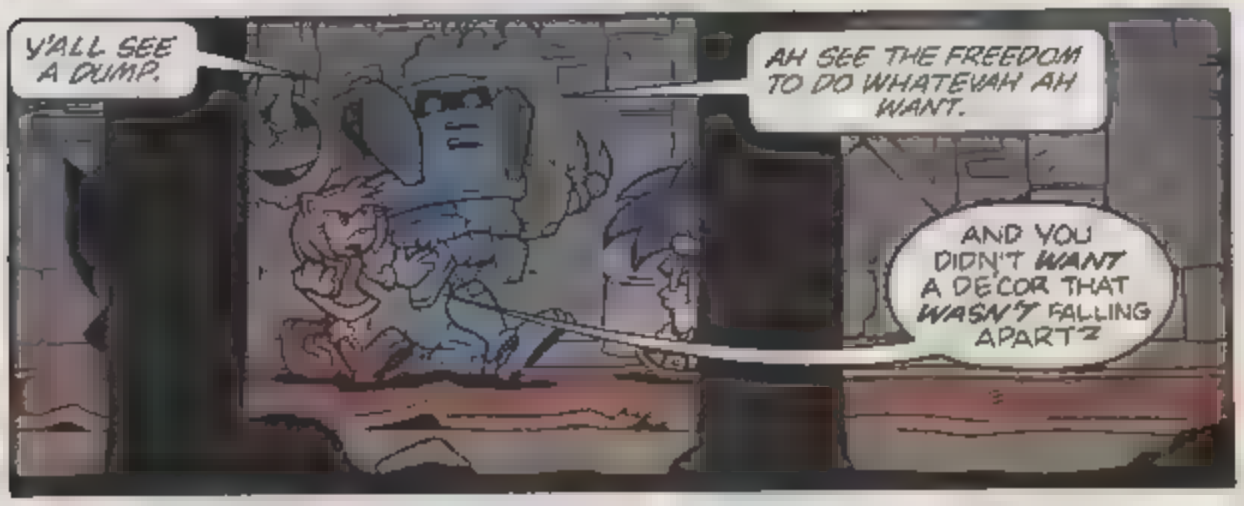
SLOW DOWN!

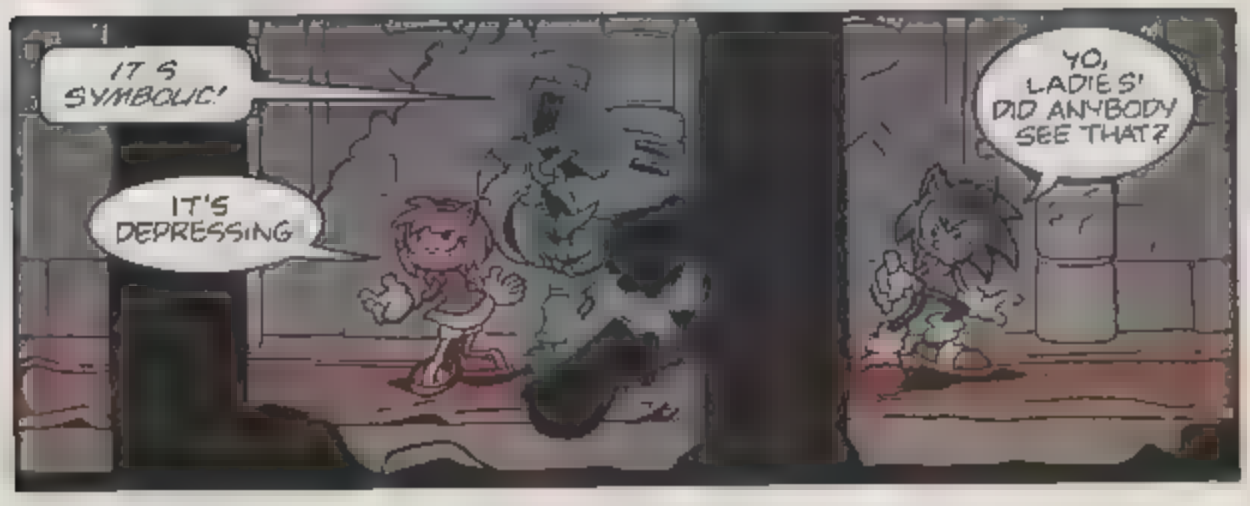
IT'S LIKE YOU KNOW THE WAY ALREADY!

THIS IS ANTI-MOBIUS, RIGHT? I REMEMBER WHERE OUR ROBOTROPOLIS WAS FROM THE GREAT FOREST...


SHORTLY...
...WHICH PUTS YOUR CASTLE ACORN THE SAME DISTANCE FROM THE GRAND FOREST.


CRIPES...
HOW COULD YOU STAND TO LIVE IN SUCH A DUMP?
NEVER WAS A FAN OF YOUR CUSHY LIFESTYLE SIDES, IT'S A CASTLE.


Y'ALL SEE A DUMP.
AH SEE THE FREEDOM TO DO WHATEVAH AH WANT.
AND YOU DIDN'T WANT A DECOR THAT WASN'T FALLING APART?


IT'S SYMBOLIC!
IT'S DEPRESSING
YO, LADIES! DID ANYBODY SEE THAT?

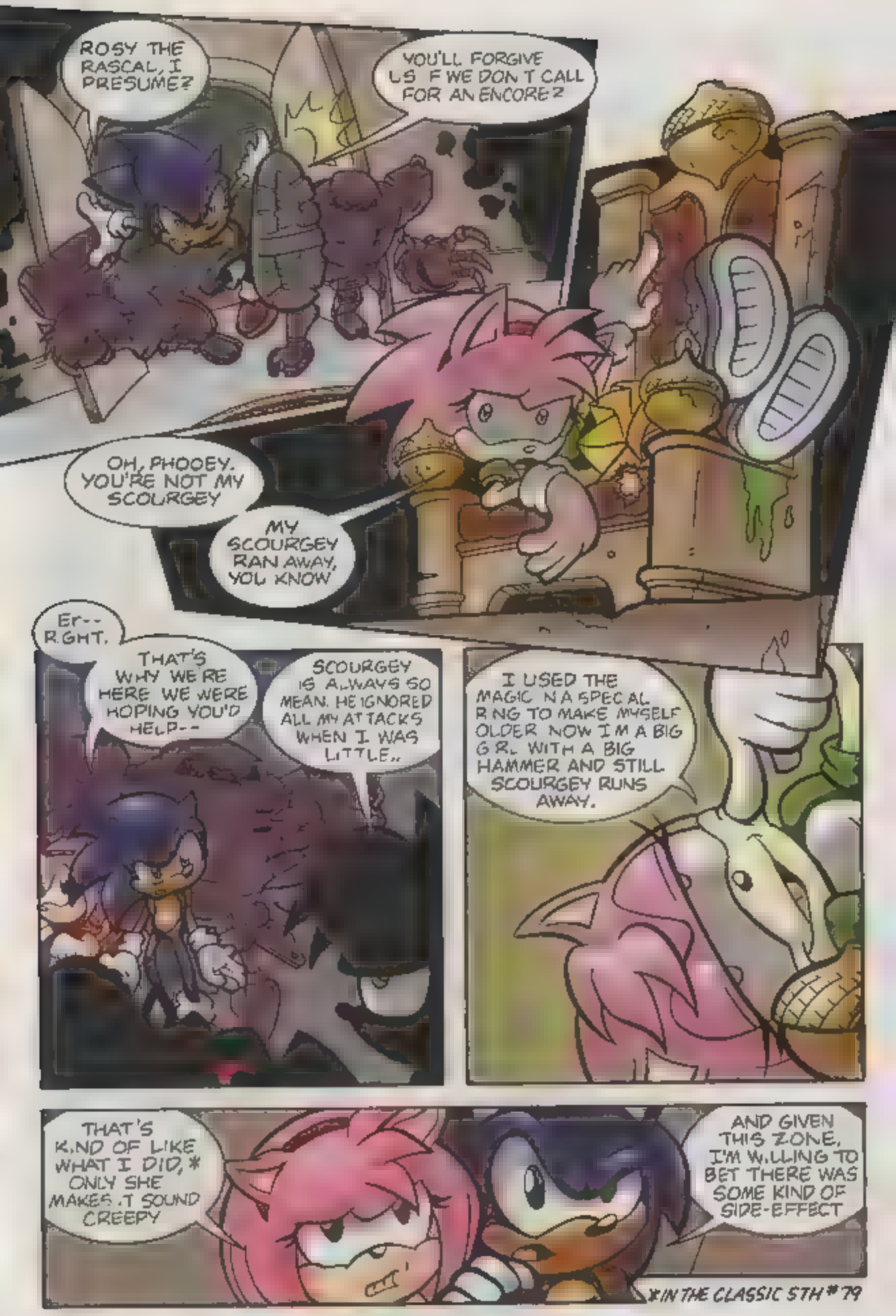
DEEP INSIDE THE ♪ CASTLE ACORN...

♫ INVADERS ♪ SNEAKY-CREEPING...

♫THEY DON'T SEE MY MALLET ♪ COMING...

TRACKED THE SOURCE. THRONE ROOM.

♪ POP! GO THEIR HE-ADS! ♫



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OH YES! IT BROKE MY BRAIN ALL ... TO PIECES SHATTER-SHATTER!
SO NOW I BREAK EVERYTHING ELSE!
EEE HEE HEE!
LOOK OUT, SONIC! SHE'S GOT A MALLET AND SHE KNOWS HOW TO USE IT!
CAN SONIC TURN THE TABLES ON ROSY? CAN HE DO IT IN TIME TO JOIN MILES' PLAN?
WHAT IS MILES' PLAN?
ALL THIS AND MORE NEXT ISSUE

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I KNOW WHEN I'M BEAT...

I'LL PASS ON THE OBVIOUS PUN. SEE YOU NEXT SCHEME!

...AND IT'S NOT NOW!

WAH HA HA HA!

WHAT THE ...?

YOU FELL FOR MY ELABORATE TRAP!

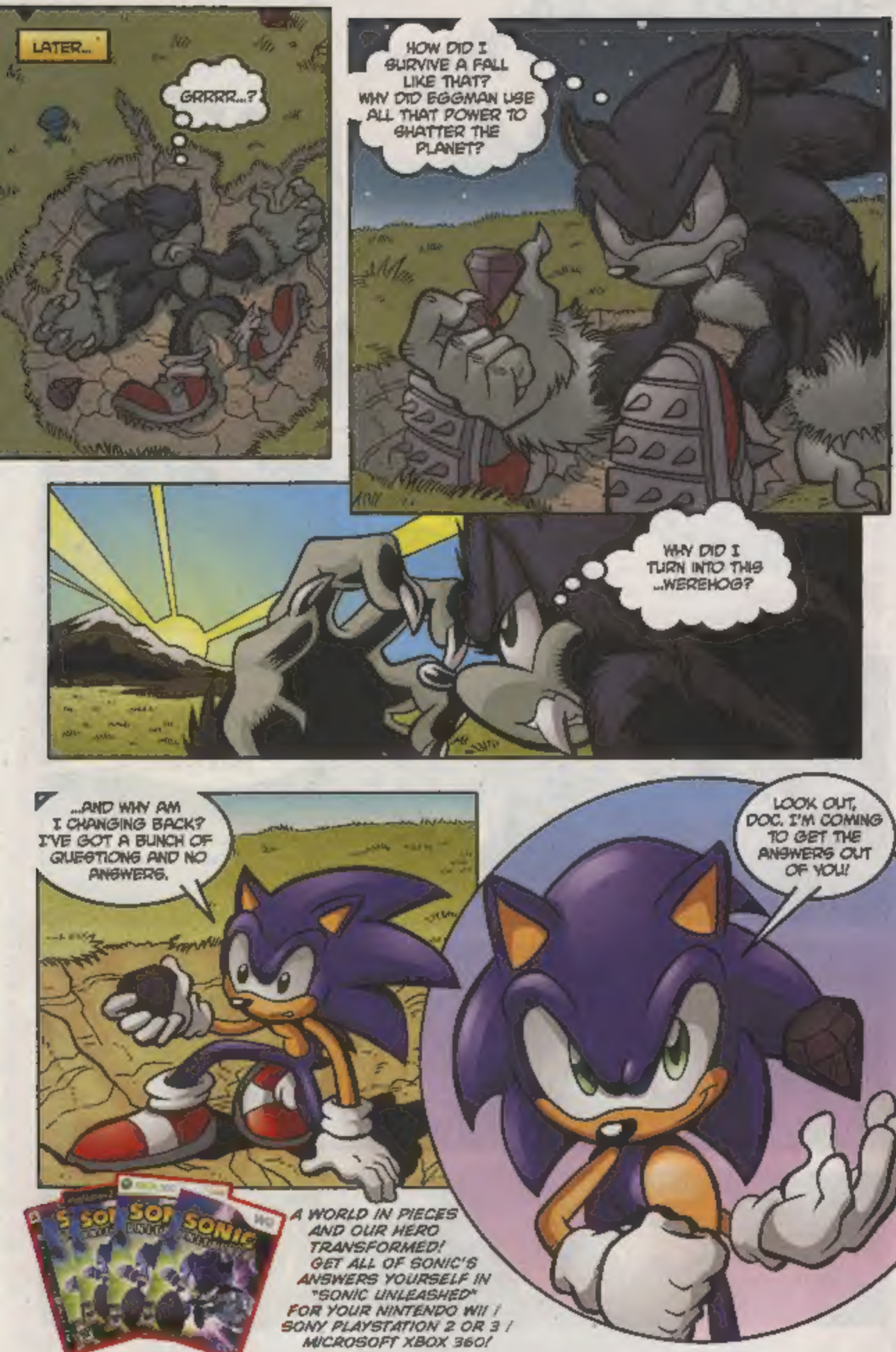
THE POWER OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS - - - - *YOUR* POWER - - - - IS NOW *MINE!!*

MAGNIFICENT! FULLY CHARGED... FIRE!
NOW WITH THE WORLD SHATTERED, IT WILL BE UNLEASHED! HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT... SONIC?

GRRRAAAAAAAAH!

WELL *THAT* WAS UNEXPECTED! G-GET OUT OF HERE!

AND YOU CAN TAKE THOSE WORTHLESS DRAINED CHAOS EMERALDS WITH YOU!


LATER...
GRRRR...?
HOW DID I SURVIVE A FALL LIKE THAT? WHY DID EGGMAN USE ALL THAT POWER TO SHATTER THE PLANET?
WHY DID I TURN INTO THIS ...WEREHOG?
...AND WHY AM I CHANGING BACK? I'VE GOT A BUNCH OF QUESTIONS AND NO ANSWERS.
LOOK OUT, DOC. I'M COMING TO GET THE ANSWERS OUT OF YOU!
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Dear Sonic-Grams: I don't know what took me so long to write in to you guys.

Probably the realistic fear that we would cut and edit your letter and make fun of you. Just kidding. Maybe.

After all the years, there are a few things I wonder about (now it's time to prove my Sonic geeki-[illegible]).

And time for us to prove outs by knowing the answers...

Way back in the old Knuckles Comics, Spectre says Sojourner is his son and Thunderhawk is his grandson, but in the later Sonic Data Banks it's stated that Sojourner is the son of Thunderhawk. Which way is right?

For the record: The order goes Spectre, Sojourner, Thunderhawk, then Janelle-Li, Athair, Sabre, Locke, and Knuckles, for those of you keeping track at home.

Shadow's past was recently revealed to be the same as in the video game continuity. Is this ever going to be further developed?

Eventually.

If you decide to publish this, have fun editing my message down to size and if not I guess it's --

- JAY B.
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Oh, oops. Did we shave off too much at the end there?

Hello Sonic-Grams!!!
Sonic's been a pretty consistent part of my life for the past 14 years. When I met my girlfriend, she had been reading Sonic for just as long! Cool, huh?

Way past cool.

Is Scourge the "Evil Doppelganger Sonic" from way back when?

Sure is!

Any chance of seeing "Ultra" or "Solar" Sonic, or "Turbo Tails" again?

"Ultra" and "Solar" Sonic: doubtful. Turbo Tails was in issue #169.

Will the Knuckles series ever get collected in volumes like Sonic?

We would like nothing more, Mike. What do the rest of you think?

Sonic's the one comic I suggest to younger readers and is one of the fondest memories of my childhood. Thank you for keeping such an awesome comic on the stands and keep juicin'!

- MIKE L.
SOUTH CAROLINA

Two longtime fan letters in one month. Radical! Let us know what's on your minds and as always: Keep on juicin'!

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"Otherside, Part II: Cross World Conflict"

If you thought Amy was obsessive, watch out for Rosy! With Miles' plan to topple Scourge's reign in full swing, it's up to Sonic to turn the tide in this trans-dimensional coup d'etat!

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